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In re application of)
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FRANCIS S. NAKAYAMA ET AL.)
) Group Art Unit: 1711
Composites Comprising Plant Material)
From *Parthenium* spp. and Plastic) Examiner: U. K. Rajguru
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115

The Honorable

The Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

This is responsive to the action of the Patent and Trademark Office dated March 19, 2002.

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Accompanying this Response is a Petition for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond along with the required fee of \$110.00. As noted on the Petition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2135. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any other fees required due the attached amendment or any other action during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-2135.

Instructions to amend the application, and a clean version of the replacement paragraphs in the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b) and of the rewritten and added claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page 2 of this communication. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs in the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b) and of the rewritten, added, and/or canceled claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. Insertions are shown by underlining; deletions are shown by brackets or strike overs. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.

The Amendment

Please enter the following amendment:

**CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS IN THE
SPECIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b) AND OF REWRITTEN
AND ADDED CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1)(i)**

In the Specification

Replace paragraph [0041] on page 9 with the following paragraph:

[0041] Lignocellulosic materials are any of several combinations of lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose, forming the essential part of woody tissue.

In the Claims

Kindly replace claims 1 and 16 with the following claims of corresponding number.

BT SubC1
1. (Once amended) A composite comprising *Parthenium* spp. lignocellulosic plant material and plastic.

SubC4
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16. (Once amended) The composite of claim 1, wherein the *Parthenium* spp. plant material further comprises (a) lignocellulosic plant material from a plant other than